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Dear Colleagues,

Mangroves provide numerous ecosystem services, both to local communities and to mankind worldwide. Despite their undisputed value, however, mangroves are threatened by area loss-rates that range far above those of other tropical forests. Hence, the importance of (international) mangrove conservation projects cannot be over-estimated, and the implementation of marine protected area networks that encompass mangroves should become a priority on the agendas of regional and national policy- and decision-makers in tropical countries. However, efficient conservation requires sound knowledge about the system to be managed rather than making decisions based on gut-feelings. Thus, mangrove conservation and its underlying applied research of social-ecological systems and socio-economics should go hand-in-hand with fundamental research on mangrove ecology. This Special Issue aims at highlighting and showcasing both new findings and significant advances in fundamental mangrove ecology and novel approaches and case-studies in mangrove conservation and management.

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